

# Bloomfield Record.

S. M. HULIN, Editor and Proprietor.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1874.

## Town Committee Proceedings.

The regular meeting of the Town Committee was held on Friday afternoon last. A notice published in *THE RECORD* was the means of bringing in a bushel of bills for audit, nearly all of which were storekeeper's accounts for almshouse supplies. An hour or more was necessarily if not profitably consumed in getting through with them. It was thought that the expenditures in this direction were lavish in the extreme, and that the poor ought to be generously sustained upon about one-half the amount represented by these accounts. Considerable merriment was created by the facetious member who took exception to the endorsement of the overseer of the poor upon a certain bill as "correct," whereas he thought it was grossly incorrect. "Beans" was spelled *beans* and of an illuminating oil in common use was written *care secu*. The bill passed muster, notwithstanding the orthographical question raised.

It was ordered, after some discussion, to pay S. E. Perry \$50 for services as special constable.

The preliminary survey and map of Bloomfield having been completed by A. G. McComb, C. E., it was examined and pronounced satisfactory in every respect. It shows all the existing streets, railroads and streams, with their names, as well as such buildings as encroach upon the roadways. Of these we noticed that there were several. The map is very neatly executed and highly creditable to Mr. McComb. We noticed that in one corner was sketched a scroll bearing the names of the members of the Town Committee of 1873. The scroll rests against a section of a fluted column, and seemed a little suggestive. We heard some weeks ago a rumor of a movement to put in a brand new Committee at the next election. We hope the artist hasn't heard of it, and sympathetically meant the above as a *tablet* to commemorate the demise of the illustrious Seven of '73.

Joking aside, the most important measure taken at the late meeting was, just before adjournment, the appointing of a committee to draft amendments to the gas light law. It is well known that it has been found impossible, after resolute efforts on the part of the collector, to secure more than about one-half the assessment made for this improvement. To get what is yet due, no alternative is left but to seize and sell property upon which the tax is a lien. A resort to this, where so large an amount is standing out, and there are so many taxpayers, seems to be getting ourselves, as a township, in a singular dilemma. It is one-half the community going to law against the other half. Therefore it seems to us eminently wise that the action alluded to above should be taken.

## Bloomfield Local Option Law.

Just after we went to press last Thursday, intelligence of the defeat of this measure was received. Our representative seems to have done all in his power to secure the passage of a bill which we doubt not was desired by a large majority of the inhabitants of Bloomfield, in which community the temperance sentiment is very strong. But the argument against local laws regulating the traffic are sufficient. Let them be rigidly enforced, and then we shall see what additional and more stringent legislation is necessary. In regard to the latter, the ease with which a "saloonist" can secure a license to sell in our town strikes us as something worth looking into, as we have before intimated.

A large meeting of Clinton township was held Monday night in regard to the proposed division of Essex County. The action of the meeting was earnest, enthusiastic and unanimous. Resolutions were adopted to the effect that it was unwise, inexpedient and undesirable to favor in any sense the action of the Common Council in seeking to divide the county. That should a division of Essex county occur, the best interests of Clinton will be to continue as it now is, and form such government and such connection with the other townships as may in the future seem wise and expedient.

An important change in the management of the Montclair Gas and Water Company has been made. Dr. Joseph A. Davis has been elected President, and Mr. Horace Pierson Treasurer. The office, after the 20th, will be removed from Newark to Bloomfield, and will be located at the office of Mr. Pierson, adjoining Archdeacon's Hotel.

Bishop Odenheimer will administer the rite of Confirmation in Christ Church Sunday evening next, service at half past seven. Special Lenten services every evening, at half past seven, until Wednesday of next week.

A meeting of the officers and managers of the Ladies' Relief Committee of Bloomfield will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jason Crane on Monday, the 23d inst. at 8 o'clock P. M.

Mrs. R. N. Dorn, Sec'y.

## Montclair Public School.

Mr. Editor:

I promised you recently a further communication respecting our Public School relative to the length of the daily sessions. I hold that the fundamental principle underlying the establishment of the free school system, both in equity to the tax payer and in justice to the community, is this: To educate the masses—those who, left to their own inclinations, governed very largely by their ability, would never send their children to school.

I also hold that the great majority of the scholars of our public as well as private schools do not care to apply themselves to study and thereby reap all the advantages they might. Also, that many of the parents take very little interest in the promotion and welfare of their children, in this respect.

Now if these are facts what should the interested parentage and the public, who pay taxes, demand of our school?

They do and should demand thoroughly competent teachers, who are willing not only to spend a sufficient number of hours to hear recitations, but also to drill in the art of application and perseverance in study.

This I hold is the primary object of school; the mere hearing of recitations is but the method of the teacher to find out how much the scholar has studied.

Now how can this be done, if the hours are so shortened that there is barely time to hear the recitations? What right have we to tax ourselves for all the expensive arrangements of a first-class school—employ first-class teachers and then throw away the very best opportunity to work out the fundamental principle of a true Free School?

The community cannot afford it. It would be far better if six hours were spent in inciting to diligent application in study, rather than a single recitation should be heard, if only the one can be done. But both can and ought to be done. It may be necessary to lengthen the hours, or what will be still better, abandon the plan of too many studies at the same time. But enough for the present. I only desire in addition to illustrate the fact that, instead of the hours being too long, there is not time enough to properly perform all the curriculum.

A certain teacher in one of the departments is in the habit of asking the scholars of her class, as a class: "Those who have done all their examples right may hold up their hands." Now, tell me, how does the teacher or the scholar know that the examples are all right? A certain father hearing of this practice, had his boy bring home his examples and found seventy-five per cent. of them wrong. He represented the case to one high in authority and was told that there was not time to examine each scholar's paper, and was asked to come and see how busy the teacher was. It is impossible to give sufficient time to this, one of the primary studies, with two sessions of three hours each, how could time be found in one session of four hours? This same father then proceeded to examine an older son, who had recently graduated from the high school, and found him very deficient in the elementary principles—far more so than he—the father—was when he graduated from the good, if "old time," common school. Nor is this an exceptional case, as some will say, because both father and sons are more than usually smart.

Now a large percentage of the scholars have not the time to graduate. How important then it is to drill them thoroughly and systematically in the rudiments first, and then, if time permits, unfold to them much that will be useful to them, but not essential to make them intelligent, loyal citizens.

ESSEX.

## A Tribute.

Many of your readers who have not known of the ill health of Miss Sara Nelles will be surprised at the intelligence of her death, which took place at her home, St. Catharines, Canada, Thursday last. Her funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the 15th inst.

Her ever happy face had become familiar to the many acquaintances of her sister, with whom she had spent so much of her time; but to those of us who have had the pleasure of a closer friendship, the memory of her accomplishments, her genial disposition, her bright and quick perception, her animation and life, will ever be cherished in the sacredness of loving memory.

Under any circumstances, the death of a friend saddens the heart; but there are times when they leave us so suddenly and so unexpectedly as to completely overwhelm us with amazement and sorrow; such now are our feelings as we remember that scarce ten months have passed since she left for her home, intending to return to Bloomfield this coming summer. Suddenly consumption, hasty but sure, set his mark upon her, and from apparent health she has been brought to the "gates of death." Now she has left us—left us with pleasant memories mingled with regrets for the good, kind heart and firm friend that we have lost. But is not our loss her gain? That sacred Art to which she gave so much time, and in which she realized so much pleasure, does she not enjoy it to its fullest extent, in that home to which she has gone, where is that peace which knows nothing of grief, nothing to regret—the perfection of existence.

The spring is almost here, but she is not. Her home is desolate. The sweet strains of her earthly music are hushed. Her true heart is silent, but life—Eternal Life is hers, and while we drop a tear at her grave, we would extend our warmest sympathies unto those who mourn, but who mourn not without the assurance of hope, that while she will not come to them, they shall go to her.

A. L. W.

Bloomfield, N. J., 19th Feb., 1874.

## Fashionable Moroccan.

[The extreme dullness that has prevailed in our staid town during the winter was broken last week by what appears to have been a noteworthy social event, from the glowing description handed in by a casual correspondent. We publish it below. That its admission to the columns of the local paper will not be productive of heart-burning among those ladies who chanced not to be numbered among the chosen guests of Valentine's Eve, is our earnest wish.]

A charming entertainment was given at the residence of Dr. W. H. White on St. Valentine's Eve, and notwithstanding the unpleasant state of the weather nearly all the invited ones were present—representing the *creme de la creme* of the town.

The brilliantly lighted house, the hospitality of host and hostess, the inspiring music, under the direction of our old friend Peter, and the attention paid by Cadmus to the wants of the inner man, all conspired to make the evening a most enjoyable one to those who participated.

By eleven o'clock the guests were all assembled, and the merry dance and cheerful conversation were at their height. The new novelties displayed were dazzling in the extreme. It was a *fete par excellence* of the *beau monde*.

Among the elegant costumes presented perhaps the most elaborate was one lately imported, composed of two very delicate shades of green, trimmed en *regle*, with flounce and bouffant, alternating the shades, headed with pompons of the same, over-skirt short, and quite bouffant, corsage square, with tulle ruchings, and flowers of a contrasting shade of pink ornamenting hair, shoulders and sleeves.

Another elegant dress was of a lovely shade of blue silk, demi-train, without trimmings, the overskirt laden with elegant fringe, waist of blue velvet, set off by point lace in the neck and sleeves, and a superb set of coral for the neck, ears and hair, which was most becomingly dressed with puffs.

Miss R., in pink silk, white tulle *fallantes*, and *bretelles en l'epaule*, and all bewitchingly looped with snails, surmounted by a eulla, one of the most *prononce* dresses in the room; as was also that of Miss S., being composed of black tulle with scarlet trimmings—an exceedingly becoming dress to the wearer. Her sister was equally lovely in white tulle, with blue silk overdress. Miss K. B. wore a most *recherche* costume of attar of rose silk, relieved by black lace, and a rich Roman scarf, gracefully draped from the left shoulder.

Several blooming maidens were submerged in billows of white tulle, puffed, and ruffled, and ruffled, en train, demi-train, and no train, caught up, and festooned with ribbons, velvets, or flowers, some *arrange* some artificial. As an exception to the majority, that of Miss A. B. was noticeable for the profusion of smilax which covered it, in every direction, giving an exceedingly graceful and youthful effect.

In rich contrast to these light and fleecy costumes were the inevitable and elegant black silks of the Mrs. C's, Mrs. C. J., Mrs. E. W., Miss B. and Miss M., relieved by trimmings of bright colors. Perhaps the most *prononce* of these was that of Mrs. T. W., who looked very lovely with the black velvet frize and gracefully draped lace shawl, so becoming to her tall and slender figure.

Among the distinguished strangers present we noticed Miss C. from Massachusetts, in blue silk with organdie bouffants, Valenciennes fitch, preceded by a floral tribute. Miss P. from New York, *petite* and lovely in lilac silk, relieved by pink rose bands. Miss G. of Newark, very stylish in blue, with hair prompador and scarlet flowers.

There was the usual marked variety in the dress of the gentlemen, the individuality of each being noted by the floral ornaments, which no doubt changed hands during the flirting and heart-breaking which pervaded the company.

Dancing was kept up till a late hour.

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Call at the Floral Greenhouses and see the flowers of the season: Oxalis, Primrose, Pansy, Violet, Abutilon, Poinsetta, Polygala, Hyacinth, Dendzia, Calla, Anemone, Bouvardia, Carnations, Smilax, Begonias, Roses, Geraniums, Camellias, and many other varieties.

A boy whose name is not known was run over by the 10:50 A. M. Bloomfield train from Hoboken Wednesday. He was stealing a ride, and as the train reached the west end of the tunnel he jumped off, fell under the cars and was instantly killed.

Prof. Baldwin will give an exhibition of Stereoscopic Views of the Holy Land for the benefit of the Ladies Relief Society, on Monday evening, Feb. 23d, at the M. E. church in this place.

Samuel Moore, at his market on Glenwood avenue, is now giving special attention to the wants of his customers, the season of Lent having begun. He keeps a variety of excellent fresh fish and oysters.

The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Society are having gas introduced in the church, and with which it is expected to light up on next Sunday evening.

A "Boston Tea-Party" will be held at Association Hall, Newark, on the evening of Washington's birthday under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The charter election in Philadelphia on Tuesday resulted in the re-election of Mayor Stockley.

## MONTCLAIR ITEMS.

A festive, literary and musical entertainment will be given by the ladies of the Congregational Society, Montclair, on Monday evening, Feb. 23. Admission free from 5:30 to 8 o'clock P. M. in the church parlors. The admission to the entertainment in the Chapel at 8 P. M. will be 50cts. Miss Matilda Toedt will contribute to the entertainment with her violin. All are cordially invited to be present.

Judge Dupue on Tuesday gave his opinion on the proceedings relating to the Local Option law, in Montclair. The law processes and pleading were sustained with the exception of an omission in the complaint wherein it was stated that "one glass of wine" was sold, whereas the statute requires that it should state that "one glass of spirituous liquor, to wit, one glass of wine," was sold.

Charles Leist and John Flood have been indicted for keeping disorderly houses in Montclair—viz. selling spirituous liquors without license.

The well-known New York Glee Club gave a concert in the Presbyterian church, Montclair on Monday evening 16th inst.

Subscriptions to *THE RECORD* may be made at Madison's Book store, at W. S. Morris & Son's, or at the Post Office.

Professor Morse delivered his interesting Scientific lecture in Montclair on the evening of the 14th inst.

Henry Nason has leased his house on Eagle Rock Way, Montclair, to Mr. Dyke.

## Ladies' Relief Society.

Treasurer's Report for the week ending February 16th, 1874.

From Horace Dool,	\$5.00
" A Friend,	2.00
" Mrs. Coggeshall,	1.00
" Mrs. Z. E. Dool,	1.00
" Nelsens Bazaar,	1.00
" Mr. Charles H. Hunt,	2.00
" " " " " "	5.00
" Christ Miss on Chapel, Watseong,	8.88
" Church, Bloomfield,	22.28
Total Receipts	\$55.16
Disbursements	58.00
A Friend—25 lbs. Tea.	Miss A. L. Ward, Treas.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders held their regular monthly meeting last week, at which the following was presented:

Whereas, a bill is now before the State Legislature for an equalization of taxes between the several counties of the State, and Whereas, the returns to the State Comptroller show that while Essex County has largely increased its taxable net aggregate being two-thirds of the entire increase in this State, other counties with equal facilities of increasing Essex, show a large decrease in rateables, and Whereas, such disproportion imposes upon Essex County a large tax for State and school purposes; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Freeholders do recognize the necessity of some law, for equalization of taxes between the various counties, and respectfully request the Senator and Assemblymen from this county to favor the enactment of a law to accomplish this end.

## The Oranger.

Thirty-three substantial citizens of East Orange publish in the *Chronicle* a call for a public meeting to protest against what they claim to be an abuse of power by the present township authorities in going forward with unnecessary street improvements, and an increase of taxation from other causes. A strong public sentiment in this direction has been for some time developing.

An attempt was made on Friday of last week, says the *Chronicle*, to swindle the Orange National Bank out of \$3,500 by means of a forged check for \$7,000, purporting to be drawn by A. M. Kilder & Co., on the Park Bank, New York, but the cashier refused to pay out any funds he checked against the deposit until it had been ascertained that the check was good. A telegram proved that the check was a forgery, but the would-be swindler had by that time reached a safe distance from the city.

The expected sale of St. John's Church, Orange, has been postponed till Tuesday next, at the request of the Republic Trust Company, who hold judgments against the property to the amount of \$10,000.

The Orange City spring election takes place on the 10th of March.

The total taxable valuation of the township of East Orange is \$1,166,000.

Sing Sing was visited Tuesday morning by a fire which at one time threatened the destruction of the entire village, in consequence of the high wind, the scarcity of water, and the inadequacy of the fire department. It began in the basement of Olive Hall, a three story brick building, and soon gained an alarming headway, so that aid was telegraphed for to Yonkers and Peekskill. In the early stages, water was obtained from wells and hydrants; but these became exhausted, and the fire still raged as fiercely as ever. In this emergency it was proposed to tap the Croton Aqueduct which passes through the village. The President and Trustees of the village decided that the fire was sufficiently great to warrant this proceeding. The embankment was dug away, the main was tapped, and in a few minutes a plentiful supply of water was obtained for the fire apparatus. With this additional aid the fire was brought under control, and by a 1 1/4 a. m. the extreme danger had passed, and two hours later the fire was almost entirely extinguished. The loss by the fire was about \$115,000, some thirty business firms including the Republic printing office, having been burnt out.

## Died.

NELSON—At St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, on the 17th inst. of consumption, Sarah, second daughter of Warren H. and Sarah Nelles, aged 28 years.

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E. C. HANNEGAN, Proprietor.

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CHAS. A. GILBERT, Agent.

Bloomfield, N. J., Feb. 8, 1874.

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A Two Story and Wing Frame dwelling, containing 8 rooms. Good Cellar, Good Well of Water. Lot 10 front by 100 deep, by 60 rear. On a paved avenue in East Orange. Within 3 minutes' walk of Watseong depot. Price \$3,000. For terms apply to R. D. BROUVER, Watseong.

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A Two Story and Attic Cottage, Lot 15 by 200. Pleasantly located in Bloomfield, 20 minutes' walk from M. & E. Depot, 10 from the Jail. Excellent well of soft water. House tastefully built but 2 years. Contains Parlor 13x17, Dining Room 13x15, Kitchen, large Pantry, rear stairway, fine dry cellar, furnace heating 2 doors. 5 bed rooms of ample size, numerous closets. Price \$3,000. True cash. Or will be based to a careful tenant. Apply at this Office.

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### Banks and Insurance.

Bloomfield Savings Institution,

LIBERTY STREET, NEAR BROAD.

Annual Statement to the Legislature,

JANUARY 27, 1874.

ASSETS.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage \$13,670.00

Temporary Loans 1,500.00

Essex County Bonds 1,000.00

Accrued Interest 2,98.28

Cash 1,700.00

\$17,848.28

LIABILITIES.

Due Depositors (including dividend payable 20th January, inst.) \$16,700.83

Surplus \$1,147.45

\$17,848.28

State of New Jersey, ss.

County of Essex, ss.

Thomas C. Dodd, the Treasurer of the Bloomfield Savings Institution, and Robert M. Hering, Thomas W. Langstroth and Anthony G. McComb, a Committee of their number appointed by the Board of Managers for that purpose, before me, solemnly swear, each of them doth depose and say that the foregoing is a correct Statement of the funds of the said Institution on the Twenty-seventh day of January last, to the best of their knowledge and belief of each of said deponents.

A. G. McComb, ROBT. M. HERING, THOMAS W. LANGSTROTH, THOMAS C. DODD, Committee.

Sworn and subscribed at Bloomfield this 6th day of February, 1874, before me:

EDWARD S. WILKE, Master in Chancery.

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T. C. DODD, Sec'y. Z. B. DODD, President.

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809, 802, 804 Broad St., Cor. Mechanic St., NEWARK, N. J.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 13, 1873.

This Institution has declared a Dividend of Three and One-half per cent. for the past six months, free from State, County and City Taxes, payable on and after Jan. 1st, 1874.

Interest not drawn will itself draw interest as principal from Jan. 1.

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DANIEL DODD, Pres't. WM. D. CARTER, Treas'r.

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